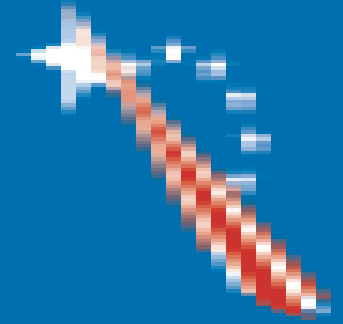


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County Wins 10 NACo Achievement Awards

The York County government is pleased to have won ten Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). James "Mac" McReynolds, York County Administrator, stated, "I am extremely proud of the quality of work performed by the County staff and pleased that an organization such as NACo recognized the excellence within the York County Government." The awards will be presented at the September 2 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The winning entries are:

Establishing a Fishery for the Production of Mosquito Fish

Designated best entry in the health category, this widely-publicized program is the first of its kind and was established with the goal of using mosquito fish in an effort to decrease reliance on chemical pesticides for mosquito control. This program meant the creation of a large in-ground fish breeding hatchery facility. The fish are free to residents with garden ponds. The Division of Drainage & Mosquito Control also has been working cooperatively with the state Health Department to provide fish for other state localities who feel they may benefit from this mosquito control program.

Citizen Input - A Valuable Design Tool

Environmental & Development Services' Utilities Division developed this program. The division was working on two major stormwater improvement projects and needed certain information from residents, business owners and organizations. Questionnaires were mailed to these people who responded with important data on drainage difficulties

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York Co. a Pilot Community in Virginia 2007 Program

In June, Governor Mark Warner presided over the official launch of the Virginia 2007 Community Program, a commemoration of the founding of Jamestown - the first permanent English-speaking colony in the new world. The state capitol was awash with patriotism as representatives from twenty Virginia localities, including York, attended the festivities and had their communities recognized as "pilot communities" in the planning for the observance of the 400th anniversary of Virginia and Jamestown in 2007. Each pilot community has been encouraged to plan special events that showcase their place in Virginia history.

York County Board of Supervisors Chairman James Burgett stated, "York County played a pivotal role during the formative years of our nation, which has been a source of pride to its citizens for centuries. We look forward to working with our neighbors to make this major milestone one that will be remembered for generations." In fact, Yorktown will have its own special commemoration in 2006 when the town celebrates the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown.

A York County 2007 Planning Committee has been appointed and is currently working on celebration plans.



Virginia Symphony Concert August 23

With support from the York County Arts Commission, the Celebrate Yorktown Committee is pleased to sponsor the Virginia Symphony's seventh annual appearance in Yorktown. The Symphony will perform under the baton of conductor Shizuo Kuwahara beneath the stars at the Victory Monument located on Main Street. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Pre-concert performances by the Fifes & Drums of York Town and the Williamsburg Jazz Ensemble begin at 6 p.m. A just-for-fun "Blue Ribbon Picnic Contest" will be judged by the 2002 first place winners. Arrive early with your chairs, blankets and picnic baskets. For more information, call 890-4490.

Board of Supervisors Actions

May 6, 2003

•Authorized a mutual aid agreement and a strike team response agreement for the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System (HRMMRS), a regional medical response system developed to manage the casualties that could occur as a result of a major emergency or disaster, including a weapons of mass destruction/terrorist incident.

May 20, 2003

•Authorized the conveyance of two parcels of land located at 315 Water Street and 301 Water Street in Yorktown to the Watermen's Museum, with reserved easements for the construction of a pedestrian walkway, shoreline stabilization, and for other public purposes. The conveyance of the two parcels means that the County can obtain from the Museum easements for the construction of the Riverwalk and associated shoreline stabilization improvements across the property presently owned by the Museum.
 •Approved and concurred with the issuance of hospital revenue notes for Sentara Healthcare Facility (Williamsburg Community Hospital). The Industrial Development Authority was notified by the Norfolk Industrial Development Authority that it would like to issue revenue notes in an amount not to exceed \$160 million to assist the Sentara Healthcare Group in various capital expenditures in Norfolk, Hampton, Virginia Beach and York County. This funding would support the installation of equipment and furnishings at the new Williamsburg Community Hospital in York County. A minimum of \$6 million of the \$160 million will be utilized for the Williamsburg Community Hospital in York County.

June 3, 2003

•Authorized the donation and loan of certain County-owned property, reassigned space in York Hall, and transferred control of funds held by the County for the purposes of developing a York County Historical Museum. In 2001, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution that endorsed an organizational structure, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for a York County Historical Museum Corporation (now referred to as the Museum Board). As a result of the establishment of the Museum Board, the York County Historical Committee no longer has responsibility for continuing development and operation of the York County Historical Museum. Therefore, the need existed for the formal donation and loan of property, reassignment of space and transfer of control of certain funds.

June 17, 2003

•Amended the York County Code to require leashes on dogs in public areas. "Public areas" is defined as property owned by the County or the School Board, or along the Yorktown waterfront. The amendment requires that dogs be kept on a leash no longer than eight feet in length whenever a dog is in a public area, except in such spaces as may be designated for dogs to be allowed to run unleashed.

July 15, 2003

•Authorized the execution of a right-of-way agreement for the underground placement of certain utility lines along property owned by the County and adjoining Buckner Street in Yorktown. The action allowed the conveyance of an easement to Virginia Electric and Power Company for the placing of underground utility lines.

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 •Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
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York County Historical Museum Seeks Friends

The York County Museum is committed to advancing the knowledge and understanding of the history of York County and Yorktown through the preservation and presentation of historical artifacts. Applications are being accepted for individuals interested in becoming Friends of the Museum who will advise and assist in advancing the mission of the Museum. Responsibilities include:

- volunteering personal time in support of the museum,
- talking to friends, business owners and organizations about the museum,
- soliciting financial support for the museum,
- soliciting historical artifacts for the museum,
- promoting LEGACY donations to the museum.

Annual dues are \$15. Checks should be addressed to:

York County Historical Museum
c/o 306 Rob's Road
Yorktown, VA 23692

For information, call Jim Funk at 898-4910 or e-mail museumjim@yahoo.com.

Adult Education Classes Offered this Fall

Do you or someone you know need a GED? Do you have a friend or neighbor who needs to learn English? The York County School Division Adult Education Department has classes in GED preparation and English as a Second Language this fall, both in the morning and evening. You can receive a brochure of our offerings by calling Debbie Bergtholdt at 833-2249 or visit the website at www.yorkcountyschools.org/adulted.

The York County School Division is an official GED test site. GED tests are scheduled throughout the year. Call the number above for test dates and registration requirements.

Change in Polling Place for Queens Lake

Queens Lake Middle School is closed for renovations until August 2004. Therefore, pending approval by the U.S. Justice Department, voters in Queens Lake precinct will have a *temporary* relocation of their polling place to Magruder Elementary School, 700 Penniman Road in Williamsburg. Prior to the November election, notices will be sent to voters affected by this change.

New Classes in Office XP at Lifelong Learning Center

York County School Division offers computer classes throughout the school year at the Lifelong Learning Center located at York High School. The professional setting provides students with:

- ✓hands-on training,
- ✓patient, knowledgeable instructors,
- ✓handouts,
- ✓small classes.

Courses include:

- Computer Basics
- Internet Basics
- Beginning & Intermediate Word Processing Office 97
- Beginning & Intermediate Word Processing Office XP
- Beginning & Intermediate Spreadsheets Office 97
- Beginning & Intermediate Spreadsheets Office XP
- Database (Access 97)
- PowerPoint 97
- PowerPoint XP
- Mail Merge
- Tables
- Desktop Publishing
- HTML
- ClipArt

Cost depends upon the length of the class. For more information, call Gail Massey at 898-0329 or visit the website at www.yorkcountyschools.org (click on LLLC).

Head Start Accepting Applications

York County Head Start continues to accept applications for the 2003-2004 school year. This program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and is licensed through the state by the Department of Social Services. Enrollment is open to families meeting federal income guidelines and whose children are aged 3 to 5 (after September 30). This free preschool program extends services to include the special needs of children with disabilities and now includes a full day and half-day schedule.

Children attend Head Start classes September through May on Tuesday through Friday mornings for half-day sessions, and Monday through Friday year-round for full day sessions. Children receive a USDA breakfast and lunch. York County Head Start is licensed for 117 children with seven classrooms located throughout the County. Transportation is provided on a limited basis within the County.

Children's Services does not discriminate in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

If you would like more information about Head Start or would like to volunteer, call 890-3888, or visit the office located in the Griffin-Yeates Center, 1490 Government Road, Williamsburg.

CERT Class Begins Oct. 2

The next CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class is scheduled to begin October 2. The program lasts for seven weeks (one evening per week) and covers a wide range of topics including: Disaster Preparedness, Light Search & Rescue, and more. For more information, call the Department of Fire & Life Safety at 890-3600 Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/fls.

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and some even included pictures detailing watermarks on structures. This information was invaluable to the planning process of the stormwater improvement projects and saved the County over \$100,000 in design fees and staff time.

Tax Maps on the Web

Very often, County citizens, private firms and utilities companies need copies of tax maps to assist them in their work or projects. These maps are produced by the Division of Computer Support Services, part of the Department of Financial & Management Services. Staff decided that placing these tax maps on the website in digital format would allow their customers to avoid visiting the office to request a map. Instead, these people could retrieve the information they needed directly from our site. Not only does this save citizens and businesses the time and expense of making the trip, it also means that the most up-to-date information is available for free to the public.

Cost Savings By Reducing the Number of Utility Delinquent Notices Mailed

This was a second award won by Financial and Management Services. This program was implemented by the Utility Billing Office. In the past, late notices were mailed the day immediately following the payment due date to customers whose payments were not received. Often, those late notices and the customer's payments would pass each other in the mail. Therefore, the Utility Billing Office decided to wait three days following the payment due date before issuing any late notices. The office reduced the number of late notices mailed to our customers by 18%. This resulted in a cost-savings by reducing the quantity of paper and envelopes used for late notices, as well as the associated postage and handling costs.

4-H Lawn Mowing Training Program

The Extension Service for York County was recognized this year for this program in which young people ages 10 to 18 are trained in proper lawn mowing and how to start and operate a lawn mowing business. The five-week, seven-and-a-half-hour course also covers safety equipment and procedures, horticultural practices related to turf management, and operating and maintaining lawn management equipment. An exam is given at the end of the course to assess student's knowledge and skills.

Agency Partnerships

The Department of General Services received an award this year for the Vehicle Maintenance Division's program "Agency Partnerships." This initiative provides fleet management services to County-affiliated agencies such as the Peninsula Regional Jail, Colonial Services Board, Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority and others. "Agency Partnerships" allows Vehicle Maintenance to tap into a previously unrealized revenue stream by servicing the vehicles of these agencies, and also provides a cost savings to these agencies due to lower cost repair work and manpower hours. It is estimated that the division will recoup approximately \$130,000 a year from partner agencies.

Incident Door Hangers

The Department of Fire & Life Safety initiated this program as a means to notify home or business owners that the Fire Department responded to a call to their address. Occasionally, the fire department is called to respond to an incident where the owner/occupant is not present and does not arrive prior to the department's departure. When this happens, the department leaves a card hanging on the doorknob providing the owner or occupant with instructions on how to contact the department, about what occurred that resulted in their visit to the location, and/or how to prevent the incident from happening again.

Line of Duty Death or Significant Injury Management Plan

This plan provides detailed checklists of responsibilities and information to help the department (or any emergency service organization) meet important needs of the department member, the member's family, and the emergency services family, when a member is injured or killed in the line of duty. The plan assigns responsibilities for notifications, planning, services, investigation and "after care." This plan has been incorporated into the procedures of many neighboring emergency services organizations.

E911 Wireless Deployment and Utilization of Location Technology

This deployment of wireless 911 made it possible for persons calling for emergency assistance via their cellular phone to be patched through to the 911 Center of the jurisdiction in which they were located. Previously, cellular calls to 911 were patched through to the state dispatchers, often expanding the time it took to locate the caller and provide the emergency services that were required. This deployment, and subsequent training of personnel in York and throughout the state, allows for quick response to persons experiencing an emergency and needing immediate assistance. In addition, this new technology allows for the display of a call-back number and the address of the cell tower transmitting the cellular call. The final aspect of this program was the training of other regional E911 center managers and supervisors, as well as dispatchers, throughout the Hampton Roads region. To date, six of seven wireless providers in this region have deployed this technology in York County.

Holiday Hints Cards

Fire & Life Safety recognized the importance of providing safety tips to the public during the Christmas season in regards to proper display and care of Christmas trees. As a result, the department developed Holiday Hints cards which were distributed to managers of Christmas tree lots in the County for distribution to customers who purchase a tree. The cards, which could be attached to the trees at the lots, contained safety information regarding the dangers associated with holiday decorations and how to avoid those dangers in order to have a safe holiday season.

Local Business Report

by Stephen Cook, Business Development Representative - York County Office of Economic Development

York County has six interchanges on I-64 either in the County or within a mile of its border. The new Route 199, unofficially known as the "Williamsburg Beltway," begins and ends at I-64 in York County. This tremendous transportation access has created outstanding economic development opportunities at both of these interchanges. Our focus in this article is the Route 199/I-64 interchange near Water Country USA that leads to Penniman Road and ultimately the U.S. Navy's Cheatham Annex. This general area has great potential for York County for light industrial, office, tourist commercial and retail development.

One of the cornerstones of this area is the Busch Industrial Park (BIP) that sits astride I-64. BIP, owned by Anheuser Busch, is a 104-acre general-purpose business park. Lots are available from fifteen acres to one acre. It's ideal for light manufacturing, assembly, warehousing, distribution and research operations looking for a quality location at an affordable price. Roads, sanitary sewer, public water lines, and stormwater facilities are in place. BIP features comprehensive protective covenants, underground utilities, integrated landscaping and a full range of business services. The Park is home to: *Liberty Warehousing*, a 318,000 square foot high cube facility that is a state-of-the-art solution for industrial and pharmaceutical markets; *Marina Power and Lighting*, the world's leading manufacturer of marina power equipment with the most innovative power pedestals in the industry; *Staib Instruments*, a German manufacturer of state-of-the-art instruments for surface analysis, is the first occupant in phase II of Busch Industrial Park. Staib's new facility is under construction and will serve as the company's U.S. headquarters, sales office, assembly point, and will accommodate research and development.

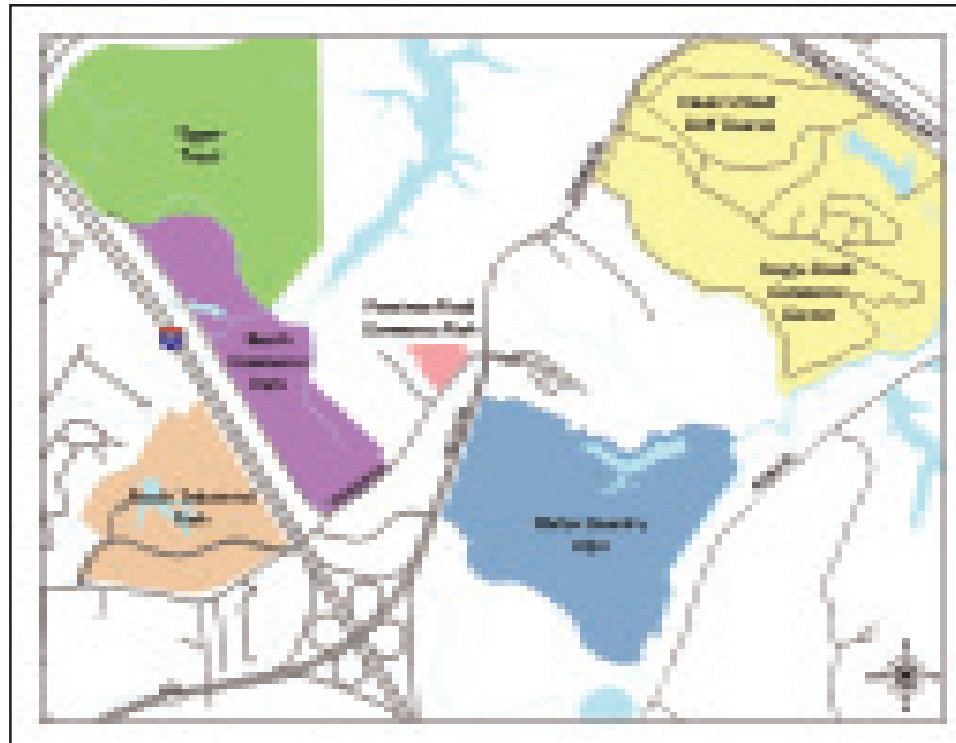
The newest industrial product in the corridor is the Penniman Road Commerce Park located just down Penniman Road from BIP but still less than one mile from I-64. The Park consists of three flex space buildings developed by *The Bush Companies* totaling 67,675 square feet. The units are available in increments of 2,400 to 10,000 square feet and can be leased as is or built out to suit your needs. All of the units feature dock

height loading doors, city water/sewer and natural gas. Current tenants include *MDR Specialty Distribution Corp.*, *Williamsburg Tea & Coffee*, and *LYF-TYM Building Supply*. Companies wishing to serve the Richmond, Peninsula and Southside Hampton Roads markets have found this to be an excellent location.

Several companies have located on Penniman Road between BIP and the Penniman Road Commerce Park, including: Virginia Truss Inc., C. Lewis Waltrip, and a subsidiary of *The Greener Side*. This area has two of the largest tracts of undeveloped commercial/industrial property in York County. Adjacent to Penniman Road is a 140-acre tract that is slated to become

the Busch Commerce Park. Busch's plans for this development will mimic the quality in BIP and target research and development, data centers, regional and back office operations. This property could easily be developed as a beautiful corporate campus with interstate visibility. North of the Busch Commerce Center is a 250-acre parcel owned by the Egger family. This land has terrific development potential and great deal of frontage on I-64 for a corporation that could benefit from this type of exposure.

Penniman Road terminates at the gate of Cheatham Annex; however, just before you reach this area you pass



York County's most exciting development opportunity: The Virginia Emergency Fuel Storage Facility. This 460-acre tract of land no longer in use by the commonwealth is bounded by Kings Creek, the Colonial Parkway, and Penniman Road. This "brownfield" portion of the property is now being considered for a golf course by the *Hawk's Nest Golf Development Company*. The clean portion of the property is called "King's Creek Commerce Center" and is being marketed by the York County Industrial Development Authority for office and flex space development. In the near future, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation will be breaking ground on a 50,000 square foot Central Support Complex in the Commerce Center.

For more information about any of the business development opportunities mentioned in this article or about other York County sites, contact the Office of Economic Development at 890-3317 or visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov.

Preparing for Hurricane Season

Hurricane season began June 1; however, York County's greatest threat is late August through the month of September. It's important for you to check your family's disaster supplies now.

York County residents living in low-lying areas prone to flooding and those in mobile homes should prepare an evacuation plan. York County residents who plan to leave the area should use Route 17, according to the Virginia Department of Highway's Evacuation Plan. Grafton School complex located behind Fire Station One on Route 17 opens as a shelter when York County officials advise evacuation. However, County emergency management officers recommend that you consider staying with family or friends outside the risk area as your first choice in an evacuation plan.

If you evacuate to the shelter, be prepared to take bedding, snacks, extra clothing, activities for children and baby and infant supplies. Remember to take important papers (insurance, mortgage, birth certificates, etc.) with you when you leave.

If you live in a low-lying area prone to flooding or a mobile home and you receive home health care, consult with your physician concerning evacuation. Shelters do not provide nursing care, nor do shelters have beds or cots or other medical supplies. If you have a family member who receives home health care and lives in a high-risk area, please plan where you would take that person. Also, plan how you would care for that person if it becomes necessary to move them from their home. Consult with your home health nurse or physician concerning

their recommendations for emergency planning. The Department of Fire & Life Safety can also assist you in emergency planning.

People with a medical condition that requires electrically powered equipment need to plan, too, regardless of where they live. Please check with the company from whom you lease the equipment or with companies who lease portable generators to ensure that you have access to one should the need arise. Grafton School complex does meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards and people requiring those design features can shelter at the school. However, they should plan to bring special supplies and equipment with them.

As hurricane season continues, please listen to local weather and monitor hurricane development. County officials will use Cable Channel 46 and other local TV and radio stations to inform residents of pending emergencies and recommendations for protective actions. Another source of weather information is a NOAA weather radio, which can be purchased in most electronics stores.

For more information, call the Department of Fire & Life Safety at 890-3600, Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/fls/em.



Sister-City Student Exchange Seeks Interested Students

by Lynn DiVito, York County Historical Committee

Did you know that Yorktown has a sister city in Germany? Near the borders with France and Belgium lies Zweibrücken, or "two bridges," whose citizens participated as allies to the Continental Army in the decisive Siege of Yorktown. One legacy of these soldiers begun in 1976 is an annual "exchange" of students between York County and Zweibrücken.

Each year, an authorized number of tenth and eleventh grade students, along with a chaperone, are alternately transported and housed for approximately four weeks with host families in the sister city. The German students usually visit in early spring to coincide with one week of the spring break; the American students travel during the summer. Along with visits to the counterparts' schools, the itineraries include social events and cultural and historical tours. Lasting personal relationships have been established which has helped to foster greater understanding of the different cultures.

Sponsored by the York County Board of Supervisors through the Historical Committee and administered by the York County School Division, the program requires York

County students to provide trip reports to the sponsors. They also prepare an essay that will be graded by English teachers the first quarter of the following school year and, as part of the application process, make a short video explaining reasons for wanting to participate. Transportation to and from Germany is funded by the County and arranged by the School Division.

York County tenth and eleventh graders interested in participating during the 2003-04 school year should look for information and applications in the guidance offices of all four York County high schools beginning in October. Applications and more information may also be found by visiting www.yorkcounty.gov/yche/main/stu_exch.htm.

Over 260 students and chaperones have participated in the student exchange. For many it was the experience of a lifetime.



Offices Offer Services via Internet

Do you need to provide important information to the County's Commissioner of the Revenue and/or Treasurer but don't have much time to spare? If you have Internet access, you can do a lot of this work on the computer. The websites for these offices contain Internet submittable forms that can be completed via computer and, with the click of the mouse, forwarded to the office for processing. Citizens are able to request vehicle registration for Personal Property taxation or can use e-mail to request a vehicle decal. Once the office receives the information, it is verified by the staff through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). You'll then be sent your vehicle decal form via regular mail (and will be notified by e-mail that the form's on its way).

Once you receive the form, complete it, include a check and send it off to the Treasurer's Office. Your decal will be returned to you within two weeks! It's that simple.

Other services available via the Internet include: Notifying the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office that a vehicle, boat or mobile home has been sold (or otherwise disposed of) or relocated out of the County, applying for a York County Business License, and others. These timesaving services, can be found at www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue (click on "Forms").

Filing Schedule C or C-EZ? Read On!

If you filed a Federal Schedule C or Schedule C-EZ, "Profit or Loss from a Business" (Sole Proprietorship), you are considered engaged in business and required to obtain a York County Business License.

If you are required to file a Schedule C or C-EZ and indicate on Line E that your business is located at a York County address and have not obtained a York County Business License, you are in violation of State and County laws. (If Line E is left blank, and your mailing address on the front of your tax return indicates York County, it is presumed that your business is operating in York County. Placing the correct business location on Line E will not affect your mailing address. Please verify that Line E is correct.)

In addition to being required to obtain a Business License, you are also required to file a Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property, Machinery and Tools, annually on your business furniture, tools and equipment. For additional information on the requirements to obtain a Business License and file your Business Personal Property, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 890-3383. You may also obtain information on the website at : www.yorkcounty.gov and click on "Commissioner of the Revenue."

Are You Registered to Vote?

On The Ballot

- ✓Member, Board of Supervisors
- ✓Member, School Board
- ✓Commonwealth's Attorney
- ✓Sheriff
- ✓Treasurer
- ✓Commissioner of Revenue
- ✓Member, 91st or 96th District State House of Delegates
- ✓Member, 1st or 3rd District State Senate

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at all York County polling places. If you are not sure where to vote, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting/precinct.htm and click on *Find Your Polling Place*. Also, you may call the Registrar's Office *before* November 4. The registration books close October 6 at 5 p.m. for the election. Remember, if you have moved since registering to vote, you must register in the precinct in which you live to be qualified to cast a vote. Eligible citizens may register at one of the following locations:

- Registrar's Office, York County Administration Center, 224 Ballard Street in Yorktown
- York County Public Libraries - 100 Long Green Boulevard in Tabb, 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway in Yorktown
- Griffin-Yeates Center, 1490 Government Road in Williamsburg
- Many state agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles.

For information on additional state agencies offering voter registration or mail applications, call the Registrar's Office at 890-3440 or visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

Unable to make it to the polls on Election Day? *Absentee voting* is available for those who will be out of their precinct on November 4 or are unable to go to their polling place due to a physical illness or disability, or otherwise qualify to vote an absentee ballot. Ballots are available 45 days prior to an election. Thursday, October 30, is the last day absentee ballot applications will be accepted by mail. To request an absentee ballot by mail, call the Registrar's Office at 890-3440 or visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting. The deadline for voting an absentee ballot in

person at the Registrar's Office is November 1 at 5 p.m. The office is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, October 25 and November 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information on emergency absentee voting which may extend the deadline until 2 p.m. on November 3, call the Registrar's Office.

York County Beautification Committee



Garbage Collection Program Reminders

Residents who live in single-family homes, most trailer parks and some small businesses are eligible for weekly curbside garbage collection service.

Most townhomes and carriage homes receive garbage collection through their homeowners association; apartments through their management office.

Refuse containers must be at the front roadside by 7 a.m. on the pickup day to ensure collection by 5 p.m. NOTE: If your garbage has not been collected by 5 p.m., please report detailed information (name, address and phone number) to the Waste Management Center at 890-3780. A voice-mail system is available after 5 p.m. when the offices have closed.

Excess refuse, recyclables and yard debris may be delivered to the Waste Management Center at no charge to residents enrolled in the program. The Waste Management Center is located at 145 Goodwin Neck Road. All facilities located at the Center are open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the exception of the Administrative Office which is closed Saturdays.

Those enrolled in the service may also receive the following at no cost:

Yard debris roadside collection - Each week, you may place six additional six bags or tied bundles of yard debris with your refuse toter. Tied bundles must be no longer than 4 feet in length and weigh no more than 40 pounds.

Bulk Collections - Participants may arrange for three collections per year for old furniture or appliances. Up to two items per collection are allowed. The Waste Management Center must be contacted by 5 p.m. on Thursday to schedule a bulk collection for the following week.

Excess household refuse, recyclables, and up to 500 pounds (per month) of construction debris may be delivered to the Waste Management Center at no additional cost. There is a fee for the disposal of tires and construction debris in excess of 500 pounds.

Program Costs

Basic Service: \$13 per month for weekly collection. The County provides free use of a 96-gallon container. Residents may also set out up to six bags or bundles of either trash or yard debris.

Low Generator: \$11 per month for weekly collection. Residents must use their own 40-gallon or smaller container and may not place any additional household refuse along with the toter; however, residents may place up to six bags or bundles of yard debris only at the roadside.

Low Income: \$10 Basic Service for those residents who do not exceed maximum income requirements. Call the Waste

Management Center at 890-3780 to request an application.

Back Door Service: For residents who are physically unable to move their container to the curb, this service is available at no additional cost. This service is also available to any resident for convenience purposes at an additional charge of \$8 per month; however, **all** residents subscribing to back door service must place any extra trash, yard debris or bulky items at the curb for collection.

Second Containers: Residents may request a second container for an additional \$6.50 per month.

2003-04 Holiday Collection Schedule

Labor Day - Monday, September 1

Garbage collection will not be affected

Recycling collection will take place on Saturday, August 30

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 27

Garbage *and* Recycling collection will take place Saturday, November 29

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25

Garbage *and* Recycling collection will take place on Saturday, December 27

New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1

Garbage *and* Recycling collection will take place on Saturday, January 3

The Waste Management Center's Administrative Offices will be closed on Labor Day (9/1), Yorktown Day (10/19), Thanksgiving (11/27 & 11/28), Christmas (12/24 & 12/25) and New Year's (12/31/ & 1/1). Questions? Call 890-3780.

2003 Activity Reports

Forms will soon be mailed to all civic organizations and homeowner associations in the County. If you do not receive a form, but have information regarding litter cleanups and/or beautification projects, please let us know! The York County Beautification Committee wants to recognize outstanding beautification and litter control efforts and will use the activity reports to determine award winners for the annual Fall Awards Banquet program.

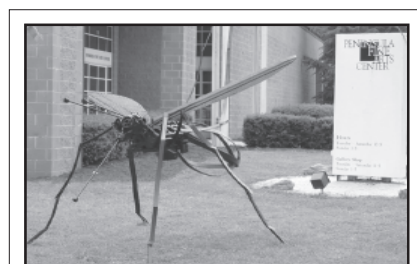
For information, call 890-3780.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Season Active

To say this has been a big mosquito season is an understatement. The early mosquito outbreak we had was prompted by the unusually large amount of rain this spring. That rain resulted in plenty of woodland freshwater mosquitoes. Not long after that, we were inundated with seasonal salt marsh mosquitoes. A double whammy.

To combat this influx of mosquitoes, the County conducted ground spraying, as weather permitted. This, however, provided only temporary relief. So, aerial treatments were arranged with a commercial aerial spray company since the Air Force could not provide that service because of deployment.



The giant mosquito constructed from recycled car parts is once again on display at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center. It won't bite, we promise!

To provide long-term relief, aerial spraying was conducted in May for freshwater mosquitoes and in June for the salt marsh varieties.

The County's Drainage & Mosquito Control division will be working hard the rest of the season to make the outdoors enjoyable for people, not mosquitoes. In the meantime, you can help yourself escape

mosquito bites by using a repellent and by wearing long, loose, and light-colored clothing when venturing outdoors.

Mosquito Fish in High Demand

The summer issue of *Citizen News* listed how citizens can get mosquito eating fish for their backyard water garden. The response has been tremendous! There have been many citizen requests for the fish. In fact, some requests came from as far away as Washington state!

The fish are still available for stocking backyard water gardens. Call Drainage & Mosquito Control at 890-3790.

What Can **YOU** Do About Mosquitoes?

York County citizens can help reduce the number of mosquitoes by not dumping grass, tree limbs, leaves and trash into drainageways. Over 100 tons of debris is removed and hauled from drainageways every year. When it is apparent that "debris dumping" has been done by a resident, a notice is sent to that person requesting that the debris be removed per County Code. Failure to comply with the Code will result in the debris being removed at the resident's expense. For more information, call 890-3790.

County Completes Pipeline to Lightfoot

by S. Mark Swilley, Engineer II - York County
Department of Environmental & Development Services

The County has completed a new water pipeline in the Lightfoot Road area, crossing under Interstate 64, and connected to the existing water system in the Skimino Hills and Banbury Cross neighborhoods. This new pipeline will increase water pressure to the homes in Skimino Hills and Banbury Cross, and increase capacity for fire protection. It also means that, should one of the existing wells break down, other wells will be available.

Groundwater from wells on both side of the Interstate provides water to the Lightfoot, Skimino Hills, and Banbury Cross areas. The County's Department of Environmental & Development Services (EDS) is working to ensure that each of the new wells is able to produce roughly equal amounts of water. During this work, some residents may experience minor fluctuations in pressure.

The County is discussing the possibility with the City of Newport News Waterworks of transferring ownership of this water system to Newport News. If this occurs, there will be no foreseeable change in the source of the water you receive at home: It will continue to be the same water you have enjoyed over the years.

The County has installed chlorination systems at some of the wells to eliminate some occurrences of naturally-occurring coliform bacteria in the water. The chlorine may cause a slightly different taste in the water. To the vast majority of people, chlorine is not a harmful chemical, but some people may be sensitive to it and precautions should be taken by those individuals. Also, when changing the water in your fish tank, it should be dechlorinated before putting your fish back in the tank. The easiest way to dechlorinate water for drinking is to let it stand in a pitcher in the refrigerator overnight. For water used in a fish tank, let it stand at room temperature in an open container for a day. Chemicals can be added to speed up the dechlorination process; consult your local pet shop about these chemicals.

If you have any questions about the water system in Lightfoot, Skimino Hills and Banbury Cross areas, call EDS at 890-3752.

Coming Soon - Leaf Collection!

Where does the time go? Believe it or not, it's almost time for the County's leaf collection program to get underway. Detailed information and collection schedules will be distributed in October. Collections should begin the first week in November and will continue through January. Get your rakes and clear plastic bags ready!



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Fall On-Site Fescue Lawn Clinics

Lawns are essential elements in the landscape. Lawns help tie together gardens and other elements in the landscape. Lawns can become very expensive and inefficient if improper fertilization and cultural practices are not observed. This inefficiency can lead to environmental problems caused by

non-point pollutants.

Why not plan to attend a Maintenance Clinic? Fall is the best season on the Peninsula to perform the annual maintenance on your fescue lawn. The focus of these Saturday Lawn Maintenance Clinics is to discuss the steps taken by the homeowner to properly fertilize, lime, overseed and water their fescue lawn.

Lawn Maintenance Clinic Schedule

August 23 ----- Grafton True Value, Grafton
September 6 ----- Lakes at Dare, Dare
September 13 ----- Marlbank Cove, Yorktown
September 20 ----- Kiln Creek Farms, Tabb
September 27 ----- The Greener Side, upper York County

Register by e-mail to ext199@vt.edu. Provide your name, address, phone number and number of persons attending the clinic. We will confirm your registration and provide directions via e-mail. Don't have e-mail? Call the York County Cooperative Extension Office at 890-4940 to preregister and get directions.

The information presented in these lawn clinics is from research-based data from our Land Grant Universities: Virginia Tech and Virginia State. Materials will be available to all participants.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in any of these activities, please contact the York Cooperative Extension Office at 890-4940 during business hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations ten days prior to the event.

Fescue Maintenance Schedule

If you are unable to attend one of the On-Site Fescue Lawn Clinics, follow this schedule for maintaining your fescue lawn. Because of the type of weather we have on the Peninsula, we treat this perennial plant like an annual. Reseeding should be evaluated yearly because of plant death from disease, heat, and other environmental factors. Fescue does not spread by rhizomes and therefore will not repopulate bare patches. For a more detailed calendar, go to www.yorkcounty.gov/vce or call 890-4940.

August 15 - September 15 FERTILIZE

Obtain a soil test every 3 or 4 years and use the recommendations in the most recent test report to determine the N-P-K rates for your lawn; e.g. 25-3-7 or 16-4-8. Apply one pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft.

Examples: 4 lbs. of a 25-3-7 per 1,000 sq. ft.
6.25 lbs of a 16-4-8 per 1,000 sq. ft.

September 15 - October 15 THATCH

Fescue lawns generally do not require thatching, but when overseeding is required, thatching enables the seed to settle to the soil more effectively. A follow-up mowing at a cutting height of 1-3/4 to 2 inches is desirable to increase the amount of light reaching the base of the plants which stimulates new tiller development and seed germination.

OVERSEED - Use 4 lbs. turf type tall fescue per 1,000 sq. ft.

October 1 - October 31 FERTILIZE

Apply a fertilizer in sufficient amounts to provide one pound of actual nitrogen N.

Example: 4 lbs. of a 25-3-7 per 1,000 sq. ft.

Note: Allow at least 30 days from the first application of fertilizer until the second. As stated above, allow growing time for new grass before fertilizing.

November 15 - December 15 FERTILIZE

Apply one pound actual nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft.

Fall Landscape Extravaganza

Get on the mailing list for information on the Fall Landscape Extravaganza, an educational program on *Planting Trees and Shrubs*, *Selected Plants in the Landscape*, and other subjects. The program will be held October 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Learning Garden and Arboretum located near the Public Safety Building on Goodwin Neck Road.

For more information, call the York Extension Office at 890-4940. Registration deadline is September 29.

Crossroads Golf Tournament a Hole-in-One

The York County Division of Juvenile Services, on behalf of Crossroads Community Youth Home and the Colonial Group Home Commission, would like to thank the community for its support of the Second Annual Spring Shoot-Out Benefit Golf Tournament held May 30 at the Kiskiack Golf Club. The proceeds from this tournament will benefit the eventual relocation of Crossroads Community Youth Home.



Crossroads Community Youth Home.

A special thanks is extended to the many local businesses that contributed through hole sponsorship in the tournament and to those who donated prizes for the players:

Commonwealth's Attorney Eileen Addison; American Eastern, Inc.; Bella Vaschi Spa; Bobick Nevada Bob's; Boise Cascade; Chick-Fil-A; Coxton Gold Team Collision; Dixie Sporting Goods; Grafton Dodge; Grafton Office Supply; Hairphenalia 17; Hudgins Holiday, Chevrolet-Cadillac; International Golf Discount; Joe & Mimma's Italian Restaurant; Kiwanis Club of Grafton; Movie Scene; Delegate Melanie Rapp; York County Treasurer Debbie Robinson; York Ruritans; The Gallery at York Hall; York County Commissioner of the Revenue Ann Thomas; Tire City; WalMart; and Don & Belinda Willis.

This tournament would not have been possible without the dedication of many volunteers who support this effort. The Third Annual Spring Shoot-Out Benefit Golf Tournament is tentatively scheduled for May 14, 2004.

Crossroads Community Youth Home offers a structured, homelike environment for teenage boys who are having adjustment problems at home, in school, or in the community. While at Crossroads, each resident receives an individualized treatment program geared toward developing self-control and appropriate behavior. The goal is to return each young man to his natural home whenever possible.

County Code: Don't Trash the Roadside

by Joycelyn Y. Corbin, Code Compliance Officer - Department of Environmental & Development Services

In March 1993, York County began curbside collection of solid wastes. This service ended a system where the garbage was collected from either the side or rear of the house. While maybe not as convenient as before, the change in the way such garbage was collected meant a sizeable savings in tax dollars for the County.

In many homes, the change in the way trash was collected meant a small change in lifestyle on the part of residents. In other words, someone had to haul the trash to the roadside. Inevitably, people started taking shortcuts, i.e. hauling trash to the road days before pickup or leaving the trash cans at the roadside permanently. According to County Code, this type of shortcut is not permissible.

Trash containers shall be placed at the curb ready for collection by 7 a.m. on the day scheduled for collection. The County Code restricts the placement of trash containers at the curb for collection to no more than 12 hours before the regularly scheduled time of collection. Containers shall be removed from the roadside no later than midnight of the day of collection.

While such regulations might appear petty at first, compliance with these regulations helps keep a neighborhood looking attractive and also enhances the quality of life that York County residents have come to appreciate and expect. (See page 9 for more on the Garbage Collection Program.)



Toters should be placed at the roadside no more than 12 hours before pickup.



Adopt-A-Spot Program Needs Volunteers

York County needs able volunteers to help keep us clean and litter free. The Adopt-A-Spot Program was created by the state Recycling and Litter Prevention

Office as a supplement to the Adopt-A-Highway Program. This program allows groups or individuals to take responsibility for a specific location by conducting litter clean-ups for areas such as parks, parking areas, and vacant lots which are not covered in the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Special landscaping features such as grass, plants and flowers may even be added if they meet with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and/or property owner specifications. Organizations and individuals receive public recognition for their work through the prominent display of a sign "on the spot." Although it was originally created by the state, this program has become a locally supported activity.

If you would like to Adopt-A-Spot to keep clean and beautiful, call Laurie Halperin at 890-3780.